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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of the Application of: Hiroshi Shirai

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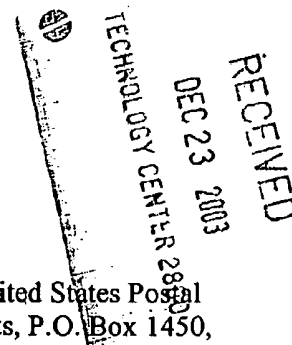
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For: **Electrical Connector Assembly and Male Connector Used in the Same**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 16, 2003 that has a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 16, 2003, entry of the following amendments and issuance of an Advisory Action or Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested: